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SUBJ: POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

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1. DURING CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HARRY WILLIAMS, MAY 11, I INFORMED HIM THAT PROJECTIONS OF FOOD PRODUCTION TRENDS SUGGEST THAT THE MAJOR FOOD EXPORTING COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET LONG TERM WORLD FOOD DEMAND AND IM-PHASIZED THE NEED FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION TO RESOLVE SUCH WORLD PROBLEMS AS RAPID POPULATION GROWTH AND INADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION. I PROVIDED HIM A WRITTEN SYNOPSIS OF SALIENT POINTS REFTEL AND SAID WE COMMENDED THE EFFORTS OF GOSL, IN COOPERATION WITH US AND OTHER FOREIGN DONORS, IN CARRYING OUT PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF FOOD CROPS, ES-PECIALLY RICE, AND ITS RECENT DECISION TO ESTABLISH A POPULA-TION PLANNING UNIT IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I SAID WE WISH TO CONTINUE OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOR PEOPLE AND TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING BY THEIR OWN EFFORTS AND THAT WE WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS OR PROPOSALS THE GOSL MAY OFFER. I ASKED THAT HE ADVISE THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE CONVERSATION AND THAT AMBASSADOR LINEHAN AND I WOULD BE RAISING THE TOPIC APPROP-
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RIATELY WITH THEM ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

2. WILLIAMS EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR OUR CONCERNS AND DESIRE TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE ON THESE SUBJECTS. HE ASSURED ME THAT THE CONVERSATION WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE TOP LEADERSHIP AND TO THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES WHERE IT WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. HE

PROMISED THE FULLEST COOPERATION OF THE GOSL IN TRYING TO OVER-
COME THESE PROBLEMS AND THAT THE GOSL WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO ADVANCE SOUND SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS TO FURTHER MEET
THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOR IN SIERRA LEONE AND OTHER
DEVELOPING NATIONS.
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